

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	MICHAEL, Günther et al.	)	
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For:	Hydrophobic Silica	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend this application as follows.